

Water and Sewer Committee

Huntingdon Borough Council

June 7, 2018

3:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting:

Chairperson Sean Steeg, Committee members Jim Bair and Terry Green, Councilperson Robert Jackson, Mayor David Wessels, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Roger Shaffer, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Steve Williams, Andrew Glitzer of GHD Engineering (in place of Ann Reynolds).

Visitors: Dan Varner

Chairperson Steeg called the meeting to order.

Recognize Guests and Public Comment

Mr. Varner did not wish to make any statements at this time.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

Mr. Shaffer reported that things are going well; cleaning is taking place ahead of schedule, systems are working well, and biofilters for Metzler's has been delivered and installed and is working as expected.

Mr. Shaffer asked what should happen with the old biofilter media (approximately a tri-axle and a half). It seems as though it is like topsoil. Mr. Glitzer believes that it is not a regulated product. Mr. Varner suggested taking the old media to the cemetery to use as grave toppers. Mr. Shaffer will verify that it is usable and move the media to the cemetery.

Mr. Shaffer reported that most sewer lines have been cleaned in Smithfield. There are some businesses that are causing issues with grease in the sewer line; Smithfield's code enforcement officer will be expected to deal with these issues.

A raw panel touchscreen in the plant went unexpectedly blank and could not be fixed by reboots (as directed by D&M). A like replacement was located in Oklahoma for ~\$7500 and was authorized by the Borough Manager as an emergency expense, as there is no method to correct raw pump issues short of 24 hour monitoring without this item. It should be in soon, and D&M will install it.

For the trickling filter replacement, Mr. Shaffer went through historical rain data and determined that we can still do a replacement this year if done in the mid-October to mid-November timeframe. The committee agreed to recommend to council to pass a motion for re-bid.

Water Treatment Plant Report

Councilperson Steeg asked about a spent backwash tank safety issue to add railings to that tank, as that issue came up in emails since last meeting. Mr. Williams explained that a particular valve requires precarious adjusting, and the quotes provided in the email were two of the same item, but in different materials, meaning that the quote was not meant to be all-encompassing. With the lower amounts, the items would fall into the limits set for the borough manager; it was agreed to leave the task to the borough manager and Mr. Williams for ordering.

Councilperson Steeg asked Mr. Williams to clarify what GDF wanted to do with and for the plant; the committee was open to a meeting in the near future. Mr. Williams will contact GDF to set up a meeting.

Mr. Williams described a meeting with GDF about discrepancies with our chlorine contact time levels. GDF has possible options for correcting and improving contact time. Related, discussions on DEP's chlorine level changes took place.

Council President Houck arrived at 4:30 P.M.

UCMR reporting will begin next year and will cost around \$8000 per year. This will need to be budgeted into future budgets.

A Susquehanna River Basin project deadline seems to have been missed for a less expensive grandfathering into the project. Mr. Glitzer took the paperwork left behind by Mr. Wheeler in Mr. Williams' mailbox to examine what needs to be done and whether we can attempt to get the discounted rate still.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Glitzer went over the highlights of the engineer's report.

Councilperson Green reported that an emergency permit was issued for Muddy Run. He further reported that debris in the Juniata River was confirmed to be DEP responsibility.

Councilperson Hyde arrived at 4:50 P.M.

New Business

Councilperson Steeg brought up the amount of lost water in the system as highlighted in the engineer's report. Current loss levels are estimated at 38%. Mr. Steeg asked the group to consider possible solutions to bring that number to more acceptable levels (ideally around 20% max). Example solutions were public relations/knowledge campaigns or replacing old or broken meters.

Old Business

Council needs an update on the 4th Street CSO operation. The borough manager will supply an update in the very near future.

Adjournment

Chairperson Steeg adjourned the meeting at 5:00 P.M.